

# ***DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD***

**Minutes – May 1, 2000**

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Patrol East Substation, 350 S. Edgemoor.

## **Members Present**

David Babich  
Tom Byrne  
Michele Chauncey  
Charlotte Foster  
John Fuller\*  
Mary Herrin  
Hanna Ho\*  
Alice James  
Susan Leasure

## **Members Absent**

Mike Colgan \* (resigned)  
Tod Ford  
Shirley Jefferson  
George Laham  
Mike Pompeo  
Eric Russell\*

## **Guests**

Sarah Gilbert, Career Development

\* Denotes alternate DAB member

**Council Member Joe Pisciotte** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the April 17, 2000 were approved as submitted.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

No items were submitted for the public agenda, unfinished business, or the planning agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Commuunity Service Block Grant (CSBG) Oversight Committee**

**Sarah Gilbert**, Career Development, presented information concerning needed appointments to the Community Service Block Grant Advisory Committee. The Oversight Committee is responsible for helping with the annual application for CSBG funds. These are federal funds, used to improve conditions for area low-income residents. A variety of projects are funded with CSBG funds, such as: neighborhood clean-ups; four Wichita neighborhood centers; as well as Project Access, which provides prescription drugs at a reduced rate. The Oversight Committee will also meet to review activity reports. The Oversight Committee will meet quarterly starting in June. **Hanna Ho** asked if the program was designed as a low-income handout. **Gilbert** replied that CSBG is not a handout, but takes a proactive approach to providing recipients better

opportunities. **Council Member Pisciotte** noted that this is a classic example of public-private partnerships.

### **TRAFFIC AGENDA**

#### **2. Request for Traffic Gate Installation Near the Zimmerly & Dalton Intersection**

**Council Member Pisciotte** reported resident concerns with a traffic gate that has been removed near the Zimmerly & Dalton intersection. The gate was built at a time when the land to the east of the gate was undeveloped. Several residents have expressed concern with school buses and other motorists using the route as a shortcut through the residential area. Some area residents would like the gate reinstalled. **Susan Leasure** noted the open gate eases traffic that would normally flow on Harry, as well as Rock Road. She also added that buses may be safer on Zimmerly than a major arterial and reinstalling the gate would greatly inconvenience motorists on both sides of the gate. **David Babich** suggested having the police monitor the area and also doing a traffic count. **Tom Byrne** added that there may be other remedies to the traffic concerns. **Leasure** mentioned the fact that cars parked on the street narrow the available drive space. **Council Member Pisciotte** noted there may be a need for a District II traffic study. The study would help the DAB deal with traffic issues that may arise. **Council Member Pisciotte** suggested the DAB look at what's in the best interest of the community. The DAB should continue to assess and monitor traffic in the area. A subcommittee may be appointed to address the area residents concerns.

### **COUNCIL AGENDA**

#### **3. Wal-Mart storage at 29<sup>th</sup> St. north and Rock Road**

**David Babich** reported an agreement has been reached between Wal-Mart and neighboring residents concerning outdoor storage in the rear of the store. Wal-Mart applied to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission for an amendment to the CUP to allow additional outdoor storage. Neighboring residents were concerned with the storage practices of Wal-Mart and any modifications to the CUP. Wal-Mart agreed to construct a six-foot masonry wall around the back of the building that will be further extended by a twelve-foot chain link fence. Pallets and materials within the storage area will be periodically picked up. **Council Member Pisciotte** reported the MAPC approved the CUP amendment. **Babich** said that businesses and neighborhoods are receptive of the DAB. He added that credit should be given to the planning process, the DAB, and Council Member Pisciotte. **Council Member Pisciotte** commended the subcommittee for their fine performance. He expressed his hope that in the future the DAB subcommittees actions and words will carry the weight of speaking on behalf of the Council Member.

#### **4. Killarney & Tipperary traffic sight lines near Rock Road**

**Susan Leasure** reported a meeting between the Superintendent of Landscape and Forestry Tim Martz, Tod Ford, and representatives of Traffic Engineering concerning trees within the sight

triangle near the intersection of Killarney, Tipperary and Rock Road. Traffic engineering investigated the issue and found a tree and utility pole within the sight triangle. Landscape and Forestry is prepared to remove the tree. Some concerned neighborhood residents are against tree removal, and are prepared to circulate a petition against tree removal. **Council Member Pisciotte** commented that he has received two letters from concerned citizens in the area who want the tree removed. He also expressed the need to ensure motorists using the intersection are not subject to unsafe conditions. **Council Member Pisciotte** suggested the subcommittee continue discussion with Landscape and Forestry, Traffic Engineering , as well as affected residents of the area, to determine any available options.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

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